

Reagan's veto, making it the first ever override of a presidential foreign policy veto. Mr. Dellums served as Chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services where he advocated for the inclusion of gays and lesbians in the military. Furthermore, Ron co-founded the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971, an organization representing African-American members of the United States Congress.

Mr. Dellums retired from Congress in 1998 but continued his public service as a legislative lobbyist in Washington, D.C. He served many clients including the Peralta Community College District, AC Transit, and the San Francisco International Airport. In 2006, he was elected Mayor of Oakland and he immediately worked to address the city's public safety issues by implementing a community policing program and was able to bring the city's police force to 837 officers, the highest in the Department's history.

On a personal note, I am honored to have served as an intern and member of Ron's staff for eleven years. He taught his staff to stand on principle and for what was right, even if it was politically unpopular. He reminded me and his entire staff to provide quality constituent services and casework, for we were hired to "serve the people." Ron also taught us the art and skill of negotiation, even with those we disagree with, and to achieve results without compromising our principles. He exemplified the finest in public service and set a new standard for elected officials. For that, we are deeply grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District, celebrate the extraordinary life and service of Mr. Ronald V. Dellums and wish him continued success, happiness, and well-being for many years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING JAMES B. FLAWS

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, James B. Flaws, who recently retired after a 42-year career with Corning Incorporated.

Jim joined Corning Inc. as a financial analyst in 1973. He quickly worked his way up the corporate ladder and into the company's executive leadership. He has spent the past 22 years in various leadership positions, including chief financial officer, vice chairman, and a member of the company's board of directors. Jim has managed countless projects and strategic initiatives, from the spin-off of Corning Inc.'s healthcare businesses in 1996 to the acquisition of the Samsung Corning Precision Materials business in 2014.

Jim's outstanding work earned him the distinction of being named to the Conference Board's prestigious Council of Finance Executives. In addition, he was recognized as one of America's Best CFOs three times by Institutional Investor magazine.

Jim has spent the past four decades serving his local community in our shared hometown of Corning, New York. He has served on the boards of trustees for the Corning Museum of Glass, the Corning Foundation, and the United Way of the Southern Tier. In addition, Jim was instrumental in the founding of the Corning

Children's Center, which provides high-quality care and education to local children.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jim Flaws on a remarkable 42-year career with Corning Inc., and wishing him all the best in his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE LEGENDARY LUTHER R. "LUKE MCCOY" EASON

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of the legendary Luther R. "Luke McCoy" Eason. His contributions to our great Nation and the lasting impact he has made on the local Northwest Florida community will be felt for years to come, and the entire Gulf Coast region mourns the passing of this truly talented and remarkable man.

An Alabama native, Luke moved to Pensacola, Florida in high school in 1956. Upon graduation the following year from Pensacola High School, Luke honorably served in the United States Army as part of the 82nd Airborne Division and later in the United States Marine Corps. During his military service, Luke saw combat in Vietnam, and he was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained while defending our Nation.

In the 1960s, Luke hit the airwaves, beginning his exceptionally successful career in broadcasting. While he could be heard throughout the country—in Cincinnati, Denver, and Chattanooga—it was most notably in Pensacola, where he became well known as a disk jockey and a beloved Talk Radio personality. In 1993, Luke joined WCOA first as co-host of the morning program and then became the distinguished voice of "Pensacola Speaks," holding the longest tenure of any former host.

After 40 years in the radio industry, Luke hung up the headphones and microphone in 2008, spending his retirement days with his wife Kathy in her native South Carolina, where he enjoyed his other passion—motorcycles and the thrill of the ride.

To some Luke McCoy will be remembered as a fellow comrade on the battlefield; to others he will be remembered as the "Common Man's Intellectual" and for his company and entertainment over the airwaves; to his friends and family, he will be most fondly remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the life and legacy of Luke McCoy. My wife Vicki and I extend our heartfelt prayers and deepest condolences to his wife, Katherine Felton "Kathy" Eason of North Augusta, South Carolina; son, Michael Holzapfel and his wife, Roxana, of Tempe, Arizona; daughters Sarah Paige and her husband, Michael, and Jeanie Cossman of Pensacola; grandchildren, Cassidy Paige, Emma Cossman and Alex Cossman of Pensacola; sister, Bonnie Eason Alverson of Gulf Breeze; brother, Benjamin L. Eason and his wife, Barbara, of Arlington, Virginia; and the entire Eason family.

#### HONORING THE NATIONAL CARES MENTORING MOVEMENT

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the National CARES Mentoring Movement on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary Gala, "For the Love of Our Children: A National Call to Commitment." On January 25, 2016, National CARES celebrated the work it has done to break the cycle of intergenerational Black poverty, and its deepening commitment to the critical work that remains.

Founded by Susan L. Taylor in 2006 under the moniker "Essence CARES", the National CARES Mentoring Movement was established to protect and elevate our nation's most vulnerable children. Ms. Taylor's vision for Essence CARES first arose in 2005, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Today, the National CARES Mentoring Movement has grown into an organization focused on community mobilization comprised of local affiliates in 58 cities across the nation. These affiliates recruit, train, and place mentors in schools and youth-serving programs. To date, more than 150,000 men and women have served as CARES mentors with organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and many more.

The National CARES Mentoring Movement is the only national organization working with youth groups and schools to build culturally competent STEM-literacy training and workforce-readiness programs. Its initiatives, known as "The Risings," are working to build capacity in some of our nation's most blighted black communities. Designed to heal trauma and transform lives, The Rising initiatives focus on the academic, social, and emotional development of children who are living in deep poverty.

One of the initiatives, known as HBCU Rising, is based in Atlanta and is designed to be replicated through the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) system. It interweaves strong workforce-development and career-readiness skills for college-student mentors and the middle school children they serve. The Rising also operates in challenged high schools across the nation, guiding students through interactive lessons designed to encourage critical thinking skills, excellence in academics, and preparation for success in college and careers.

On a personal note, I want to thank Susan for her wise counsel, her tremendous leadership, her inspiration and her friendship. It is her loving spirit that keeps us hopeful for a better world for our children. This milestone in her life reminds us that we too must and can lead a purposeful life to secure the future for our children. For this, along with so many who honor and celebrate her at this important moment in her journey, I am deeply grateful.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the National CARES Mentoring Movement on 10 years of exemplary service. We wish them continued success as they continue to work to ensure the healing, social, and academic wellness of some of our nation's most defenseless—African-American children. Again, I

wish the National CARES Mentoring Movement well as it strives to end intergenerational poverty in our African-American communities.

#### HONORING CORBEN CRITES

##### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corben Crites of Farmington, Missouri for his outstanding achievement of receiving his Eagle Scout Award. This award is not easily attained and cannot be achieved without a steadfast determination to succeed.

In order to receive this award, Corben completed an Eagle project that exemplifies patriotism and his commitment to serve others. To help better meet the needs of Farmington area students, Corben constructed a 166-foot walkway and two benches in a designated student pickup area at the Farmington Senior High School.

At a young age Corben has shown values such as honesty, loyalty, and civility that inspire others. He has shown commitment to good citizenship, physical fitness, and education. By learning important survival skills and first aid, he has made himself an asset to our community, as well as the nation. Corben is a role model for young and old alike and it is my pleasure to recognize his achievements before the House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ROBERT T. E. KAO FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY OF GUAM

##### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Robert T. E. Kao for his service and selfless contributions to the community of Guam. Robert has dedicated his life to helping others as a true humanitarian and philanthropist.

Robert was born in China in 1939. He grew up in the eastern province of Shandong where he developed his knowledge of Confucius teachings. Robert and his siblings were raised by an older brother in Taiwan after their parents passed away when Robert was just a toddler.

Robert was a teacher in Taiwan and he married his wife, Anna in 1967. The Kaos moved to Guam in 1971 when Anna accepted a military contract position for furniture concession. Within a year Anna opened Genghis Khan Furniture and by 1995 her business became the premier Asian and contemporary furniture store in Guam. She opened ten stores between 1972 and 1995 in Guam, California and China. Anna contributes the success of the family to the support of her husband who served as the vice president of Genghis Khan Furniture while guiding their children and doing charitable work. Together they have two children and now three grandchildren. Both of their children have found success in their professions in the United States mainland.

During a very difficult time for many people of Taiwan, Robert served as Overseas China's Affairs Commissioner. He used his personal resources to locate and reunite hundreds of families who were separated from their families in China. Many families were separated for more than 30 years and forbidden to communicate by both China and Taiwan laws. Robert put himself at great risk to assist and reconnect thousands of people.

Additionally, Robert has been a member of the fraternal organization the Freemasons for over 40 years, and has supported the Shriners Hospital through his position as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine of North America. He has served twice as the president of the Chinese Association of Guam and the president of the Confucian Society of Guam. During his term as president of the Confucian Society of Guam, he lobbied the Guam Legislature to declare September 28, Confucius' birthday, as Teachers' Appreciation Day to remind all students of the value of honoring educators. Robert was also a founding member and first president of the Federation of Asian People. He has also assisted with building the Chinese School of Guam and the Tamuning Chinese Park in Guam. Robert has helped students acquire scholarships to attend the University of Taiwan and has supported numerous local and national charities.

Robert worked diligently throughout his time on Guam and demonstrated true and genuine care for the people he gave his time to serve. I congratulate Mr. Robert T. E. Kao for his life and I join the people of Guam in commending him, his wife Anna and their family for their many contributions.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOVERNMENTAL PRAYER BREAKFAST OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

##### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Governmental Prayer Breakfast of Pensacola, Florida.

The hand of God has guided this country from the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620 through today. Without God and faith, our Nation simply would not exist. Indeed, our Founders pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to the Declaration of Independence "with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence," and we can look back far past 1776 to see that God has always been a part of the fabric of American life. One hundred fifty-six years before the Declaration of Independence, the first Pilgrims at the Plymouth Colony signed the Mayflower Compact affirming that the very reason for settling in what would become the United States was "for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith."

The Constitution may make no specific mention of God, but it reflects the religious principles that a diverse group of thinkers used to guide this country throughout history. While there are some Americans who think that politics and faith cannot coexist and believe that prayer and public service do not mix,

many of us believe that our Nation's leaders need faith as a guide. We need it because man alone is imperfect and flawed. We need God's direction in our lives because our American freedom rests not on the written words of our founding documents, but on the moral strength of the American people. George Washington believed that "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and Bible." Freedom is only possible if men believe in God and seek to do His will in their lives and for this country.

In order to live our lives as servants of the Lord, our Founders recognized that we must look to prayer. Prayer has been a guiding principle of private citizens and public officials alike, and prayer has long been used to open important public meetings and events. In fact, the tradition dates back to at least September 7, 1774, when Reverend Jacob Duche delivered a prayer to open the First Continental Congress. This tradition continues today, with Congress opening its daily sessions with a prayer offered by the House Chaplain or a guest chaplain, and the religious history of our Nation is also reflected in our National Motto—"In God We Trust"—the National Day of Prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance, amongst many others.

Just as our Founders looked to prayer, elected officials and community leaders at all levels of life and government continue the sacred tradition of prayer. This is the very essence behind the founding of the Governmental Prayer Breakfast of Pensacola. Since it was established four decades ago by a group of ministers from the Greater Cantonment-Ensley Ministerial Alliance in Escambia County, Florida, this annual tradition has gathered hundreds of Northwest Floridians, including elected and appointed officials, together to pray for our Nation and all levels of our government.

Our Father gave America its democracy, its prosperity, and its liberty because America has embraced God's will for its future. But we must continue to keep our faith in God in order to keep our faith in government. It was not our Founders' intent to keep God out of government, but to keep the government out of the church. As Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The constitutional freedom of religion is the most inalienable and sacred of all human rights." We establish no religion in this country, nor should we. But we continue to honor the Lord and the blessings of liberty and freedom that he has bestowed upon this Nation, and by bringing together leaders of Faith from all levels, Pensacola's Governmental Prayer Breakfast honors the Lord and the founding principles of this great Nation.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to recognize the Governmental Prayer Breakfast's founding members and those who have followed in their footsteps in helping to preserve its original mission of encouraging moral and spiritual values in government. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating all of its members and past participants on this important milestone and thanking them all for their service to God and country. We wish them continued success, and may God continue to bless Northwest Florida, leaders of all levels of government, and all Americans across this great Nation.